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PLOT TO DRAG U. S. INTO WAR BEING PROBED

Revolution in Austria-Hungary One Phase of Alleged Conspiracy Here.

ALLIED AGENTS ACCUSED

Department of Justice Working on Clues in New York, Chicago and Elsewhere.

BIG SUMS OF CASH COLLECTED

Prominent Men Accused by Austrian Official Claiming Intimate Knowledge of Facts Unearthed.

By S. D. WEYER.
(The Sun News Service.)

New York, May 20.—Evidence of a country-wide plot carried on by Czech agitators in the United States aimed at bringing about a revolution in Austria-Hungary and, incidentally, involving the United States in the present war on the side of the allies, has been obtained by the Department of Justice in the course of a searching investigation of charges made three months ago by the Providence Journal against the editor of the Bohemian Weekly Vespér, published in Chicago, accusing him of being subsidized by the Austrian government.

The results of the investigation are kept closely secret by the Justice Department, but it was learned on reliable authority today that a vigorous prosecution of the alleged plotters is being contemplated, and that when the facts become known the country will be startled by sensational revelations of a widespread network of propaganda work in which a number of prominent business and professional men of New York, Chicago and several Western cities are said to have played an important part.

Large Sums Collected.

Large sums of money have been collected among the anti-Austrian element in this country ever since the outbreak of the war, and have been forwarded to secret agents in Europe by two Bohemian banking firms, one in New York and the other in Chicago.

The plan is said to have been worked out along lines similar to those pursued in the alleged propaganda for the overthrow of the Greek monarchy and the substitution of a republic, details of which were gained, according to Berlin dispatches several months ago, from papers taken from a British navy officer captured by the Germans.

Authentic information obtained from a prominent Austrian official in this country who claims to have complete knowledge of the facts obtained by the Department of Justice in its investigation, is to the effect that the propaganda has been carried on under the direction and supervision of prominent British officials in this country.

New York, Cleveland, Chicago and Milwaukee are said to be the main centers of the agitation which was organized. It is asserted by my informant, by special British secret agents, among the radical Czech population of those cities.

Detroit Speech Pleases Colonel

Believes He Has Eliminated Ford as Presidential Possibility.

(By The Sun News Service.)

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 20.—Colonel Roosevelt is back from his Detroit trip and he is happy over the blow he struck there at pacifism in general, and Henry Ford in particular. He believes that it has given a new impetus to the movement for preparedness in the Middle West and has also eliminated Mr. Ford as a Presidential possibility.

The Colonel feels that no political developments of importance will revolve about Mr. Ford, and the Colonel's friends think that the success of his invasion of Detroit and the enthusiasm he met with there lent great strength to the Roosevelt boom.

After conferences, the plan for the next trip the former President will make were made known. This journey which will take the Colonel away on May 28, and bring him back on June 1, six days before the convention, so far includes only one speech of any magnitude, that at Kansas City, Mo., on Memorial Day.

Vatican's Intervention Denied.

Amsterdam, May 20.—The announcement in the British Parliament that the Vatican had made representations to Germany to have Germany give up her submarine warfare is denied by the North German Gazette.

British Destroyer Hit by Bomb.

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, May 20.—A British destroyer was struck by a bomb dropped from a German seaplane during the brief naval engagement off the Flanders coast on Tuesday. It was announced by the admiralty today.

Quickest Service to Baltimore.

Baltimore and Ohio "Every Hour on the Hour," \$1.50 Saturdays and Sundays. Other days \$1.75 round trip.—Adv.



EAVESDROPPING ON A TAPPED WIRE!

G. O. P. LIMITS ALL "HOT AIR"

Nominating Speeches at Chicago Must Be Made in Ten Minutes.

SECONDING ADDRESSES TO CONSUME FIVE MINUTES

(By The Sun News Service.)

Chicago, May 20.—Nominating speeches to be limited to ten minutes and seconding addresses to five minutes, will be the rule in the Republican national convention, opening June 7 at the Coliseum.

The fact of there being sixteen known Presidential aspirants has prompted the party managers to suggest a change in the original plan of allotting half an hour to each candidate. Such a program would consume eight hours, while under the ten and five minute limit plans, the time required for the nominating and seconding would be cut considerably.

Knowledge of the proposed plan of the party chiefs to speed up the work of the convention came today when it developed that William J. Calhoun, who will place the name of Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman in nomination, had been asked by national committee heads if he could confine his remarks to ten minutes.

Sunday Sports Condemned.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 20.—The Presbyterian general assembly today went on record as against all games and sports on Sunday in civil life as well as in the army and navy. The sweeping resolution, originally embodied in the report of the committee on the Sabbath, was adopted after a heated discussion.

Breaks Flying Record.

New York, May 20.—The American long-distance flying record was broken today by Victor Carlstrom, who, carrying a 200-pound passenger, flew from Newport News, Va., to Sheepshead Bay, a distance of 400 miles, in four hours and one minute.

Outpourings of Girl's Heart Barred from Trial of Orpet

(By The Sun News Service.)
Chicago, May 20.—Celeste Youker's love for Will Orpet will not be laid bare at the trial of Orpet in Waukegan for the murder of Marian Lambert.

A kind-hearted old judge, who has sat in judgment in hundreds of cases where the throbbing of a human heart has been made important parts of cases, today threw the mantle of his authority over Miss Youker and ruled that the love letters she wrote to Orpet would not be admitted into evidence in the case.

Judge Charles H. Donnelly, who is hearing the Orpet murder trial, told State's Attorney Ralph J. Dady that the letters in the sixty letters in the possession of the State were not to be revealed before the jury, and the throng of mor-

bidity curious which crowds the tiny courtroom each day.

"These love letters are full of sentiment and endearment," the judge said. "In them this girl pours out her heart, and I do not think these letters should be read by anyone except the one to whom they were sent, and for whom the terms of endearment were intended."

The prosecution, however, maintained that certain parts in the letters were necessary to the State's case.

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AUSTRIA AIMS DEATH BLOW

500,000 of Finest Troops and 1,000 Guns Used in Italian Offensive.

BIG DRIVE CONSIDERED AS "ITS VERDUN" BY ITALY

(International News Service.)

By JOSEPH REINHOLD.

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Paris, May 20.—Half a million of the finest Austro-Hungarian troops, supported by 1,000 guns, of which a large proportion are heavy cannon, are engaged in the fiercest offensive Austria has yet undertaken in this war.

Their tremendous drive, proceeding from the Trentino, is confined between the Adige and Sugana valleys.

"It is our Verdun," the regional Italian commander told me at his headquarters yesterday.

For in the magnitude the blow resembles closely the Kaiser's titanic effort to capture Verdun.

When the Italians entered the war a year ago, Emperor Francis Joseph swore that whatever the fate might overtake his arms in Galicia he would reserve terrible punishment for what he described as "the Italian treachery."

Field Marshal von Hoetzendorf's mission is to deal a death blow to the Italian army and to seize the whole of Venetia, which, if successful, the Austrians would use as a hostage to force peace with Italy, not only depriving her of the Irredentist provinces, for which she has been fighting, but also regaining Venice, which she lost in 1866.

Not only will the Austrians fail to invade Venetia, but they will not even drive the Italians out of the Trentino.

Zeppelin Near Batavier V.

London, May 20.—The Evening News states that a Zeppelin was seen near the scene of the destruction of the Dutch liner Batavier V which was sunk with the loss of one American life.

Relinquishes Nominating Honor.

Trenton, N. J., May 20.—Gov. Fielder Wilson a letter in which he cheerfully relinquishes to Attorney General Westcott the honor of nominating the President at St. Louis.

Cubans Try to Lynch American Auto Racer

(By The Sun News Service.)

Havana, May 20.—The celebration of the fourteenth anniversary of the independence of Cuba, today, was marred by an attempt by natives to lynch Albert Guillot, an American, and driver of a National car which collided with a Stutz driven by Maximo Herrera, causing the death of Herrera.

The auto races were a feature of the celebration, and after the accident, an immense throng rushed onto the track and seized the American driver. Rurales and police reserves saved him from the infuriated blacks.

Tonight the negroes, who regarded Herrera as a racial hero, were still talking of lynching the white race driver.

LABELS T. R. "ANTIQUATED"

Henry Ford, on Eve of Fishing Trip, Pays Respects to Former President.

PACIFIST AVERS COLONEL HAS FALLEN BEHIND TIMES

Declares President Wilson Is "Next" to "Munitions Crowd." Believes He "Has 'Em by the Throat."

(By The Sun News Service.)

Detroit, Mich., May 20.—Henry Ford has gone fishing. But before departing he admitted he had some ideas about Detroit's recent visit—Theodore Roosevelt—and was quite willing to express them, or some of them, at least.

The pacifist really did want the Colonel to see his big workshop, and waited for him in his office until after 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, but said the world did not contain enough influence to get him to motor into town and call on the former President.

"Between an ordinary person and an ex-President there is but little difference," said Mr. Ford. "Seven years have come and gone since Roosevelt was in the White House, and in those years he has entirely failed to understand the trend of events and the sentiments of the American people. Roosevelt, to my way of thinking, is so antiquated that the 'ex' business means absolutely nothing. He is an ordinary citizen because he fails to keep pace with the times."

"What Mr. Roosevelt thinks about me and my work worries me not a bit, but in fact it gives my propaganda a boost. In fact, I feel like thanking him for bringing to the attention of the public his views and thereby arraignment the people against his armament crowd."

"The people are important. Henry Ford is not. And at the proper time the people will attend to Roosevelt. I'll tell you what the trouble was with Friday's demonstration: the munitions and armament crowd was too prominent in it. I know the crowd, and I know that it is not all pacifism."

"I am convinced that President Wilson is 'next' to this armament crowd, and I believe he knows more than he is giving out for publication. Personally I think he has 'em by the throat."

AUTOISTS ARE DROWNED IN THE NIAGARA RIVER

(By The Sun News Service.)
Buffalo, N. Y., May 20.—Albert J. Batt, Buffalo plumber, and his wife and mother-in-law were drowned in Niagara River tonight, when their automobile, a covered machine, backed off the ferryboat Welcome as it was crossing the river from Fort Erie, Ontario, to Buffalo. The chauffeur, Fred Rathman, was rescued by tug men called to the scene by whistles of the ferry.

The Batt machine was the last of a dozen that were loaded on the ferry on the Canadian side. When the boat was in the middle of the river, the machine backed and broke a chain, plunging into the swiftly running water. Capt. Robert J. McMurray, veteran river man, rescued the chauffeur as he was being carried downstream.

Oregon for Hughes.

Portland, Ore., May 20.—Oregon Republicans have overwhelmingly registered their approval of Justice Charles E. Hughes as the 1916 standard bearer in the only State in which the justice's name appeared on the ballots.

"Gas" Substitute Tried Out.

Trenton, N. J., May 20.—With Mayor Donnelly and other members of the city commission among the interested spectators, a public demonstration was given this afternoon of the use of "gasofuel," an automobile fuel of which Henry T. Caulett, of this city, is the discoverer.

Apartment Robbed of Jewelry.

The apartment of Miss Jane McKnew in the Wesley, 1421 Columbia road northwest, was entered sometime yesterday afternoon and robbed of \$80 worth of jewelry. The robber made his entrance by forcing a double door leading to a porch adjoining the fire escape. Most of the jewelry was initiated.

MILITIA FAILS TO RESPOND IN BORDER CRISIS

Gen. Funston Notifies War Department of Complete Fall-down by Guardsmen.

NONE ARE MUSTERED IN

Protests Sent to Mexico City from El Paso at Permanent Camp Plans.

FEELING IS BECOMING BITTER

Second Punitive Expedition on Way Back to Border—Expected to Arrive on U. S. Soil Tonight.

Reports to the War Department from Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston indicate almost a complete fall-down on the part of the National Guard organizations of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico in responding to the call of the President for service with the regular army along the Mexican border.

Summoned to the colors on May 8, not a single organization from any of the three States has been mustered in. Not even the mobilization, preparatory to the mustering of the militia into the Federal service, has been completed.

Militiamen Refuse to Act.

An official report from San Antonio states that 116 enlisted men of the 20th company of the Texas National Guard have flatly refused to respond to the call, and although court-martial proceedings will be instituted to punish them in accordance with the Dick law, officials of the War Department declare that beyond the infliction of punishment for failure to respond there is no means of compelling the guardsmen to serve.

At the present rate at which the mobilization is going on for these three States, army officers figure, it would require between one and two months to mobilize any considerable number of National Guard organizations from various parts of the country.

By H. H. STANBURY.

(International News Service.)

El Paso, Tex., May 20.—Gen. (Edmond) Garza and Consul Andrew Garza, the Carranza representatives here, protested to Mexico City today against the plans of Gen. Funston to establish permanent camps at Nacimiento, El Valle and Colonia Dublan.

The jubilation over the return of a few troops from the front to reinforce the border patrol was brought to a sudden end by advertisements for 1,000,000 feet of lumber, 12,000 pounds of nails and a number of steam road plows.

At the quartermaster's department the frank announcement was made that the materials were to be used in building tent floors and other accommodations for the troops, which will remain south of the border indefinitely.

This greatly upset the Mexican officials. They asserted the first chief could be depended upon to make new representations to Washington.

Feeling here is still as tense as the day the Oregon-Scott conference ended in a disagreement.

Marathon, Tex., May 20.—The second punitive expedition was on its way back to the border today. Col. Sibley's men are ordered to arrive at the river by tomorrow night, while the rear guard will probably reach American soil by Tuesday.

Tug and Shop Fired in Strike

Davison Chemical Company Barges at Curtis Bay, Md., Also Cut Loose.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, May 20.—Violence on the part of the strikers at the big acid manufacturing plant of the Davison Chemical Company has broken out, with the result that a tug and a shop have been set on fire, a man has been injured and barges belonging to the company have been cut from their moorings.

Some of the strikers, who are holding an all-day meeting in Bohemian Hall, at Curtis Bay, today make open threats of further violence, and it is feared that a clash between the 600 strikers and the 300 or more men still at the plant may come at any time.

Germans Insult Americans.

London, May 20.—Since the last crisis between Germany and the United States was ended, the German press has been unsparing in most insulting criticisms of America and Americans. Not a day passes without the printing of scathing denunciations in the leading papers, which give great display to stories intended to hold up Americans to ridicule.

\$30.50 to Chicago and Return. Baltimore and Ohio, June 2 to 6, valid for return until 21st, account Republican National Convention. Four through trains daily. Ask agents.—Adv.